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LETTER CARRIER CHARGED WITH POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

_____ BUFFALO, N.Y.- Chad White, 36, of Clarence, New York has been charged in a criminal complaint with possession of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney Terrance P. Flynn of the Western District of New York. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both and a term of supervised release up to life.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia stated that the criminal complaint charges the defendant with one-count of possessing child pornography on his computer found in his Clarence home. White came to the attention of law enforcement through a nationwide investigation into individuals using the Google "Hello" program to send and receive digital child pornography. Through forensic analyses, White was identified as an individual who had been using the "Hello" program to trade child pornography with other individuals across the United States. As part of the investigation, federal law enforcement officers stated White admitted that he had seen images of girls on his computer as young as 10 years old. White is currently employed as a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service. White appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr. yesterday for an initial appearance and was released from custody on a non-financial bond and stringent monitoring requirements by the United States Probation and Pre-trial Services Office. White is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Schroeder again on Feb. 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. EST for an appearance of counsel.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The arrest of Chad White was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Peter J. Smith. "The international child porn industry exploits and endangers thousands of children worldwide, and downloading these illegal images is not a victimless crime," said Peter J. Smith, Special Agent in Charge of ICE's office of investigations in Buffalo.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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